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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

TROY MELNEK,) Case No. 2:23-cv-01303-GMN-MDC

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF
 COUNSEL**

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE)
 DEPARTMENT, JOSEPH LOMBARDO,)
 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN)
 SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND)
 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CODY PHINNEY,)
 JO MALAY, and DOES I – V, and ROE)
 CORPORATIONS I – V, inclusive,)

Defendants.)

Defendants DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (“DHHS”), DIVISION
 OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH), a political subdivision of the State of Nevada,
 CODY PHINNEY, in her official capacity as Administrator of DPBH, and JO MALAY, in her official
 capacity as Deputy Administrator of DPBH, (collectively “State Defendants”) by and through Attorney
 General AARON D. FORD, Chief Deputy Attorney General SHARON BENSON, and Deputy Solicitor
 General JESSICA E. WHELAN hereby provide notice to this court and respective parties that

Chief Deputy Attorney General, Sharon Benson has assumed responsibility for representing the interest of State Defendants in this action.

Deputy Attorney General Pierron Tackes is no longer responsible for the handling of this case.

It is requested that all future pleadings and notices be served upon, and any contact by the court personnel or Plaintiff be directed to the undersigned counsel.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of December, 2024.

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By: /s/ Sharon L. Benson
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IT IS SO ORDERED.



Hon. Maximiliano D. Gouvillier III
United States Magistrate Judge
Dated: 1-7-25

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada and that on this 18th day of December, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL, via this Court's electronic filing system. The following parties who are registered with this Court's electronic filing system will be served electronically:

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